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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response;
2. Substitute Specification;
3. Red-lined copy of Substitute Specification;
4. Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed in parent application on February 14, 1992;
5. Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed in parent application on January 23, 1995;
6. Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed in parent application on April 29, 1996; and
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